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SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I had my own quippy little speech ready but I guess it is time to call the question. I would like to do that now.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote no. Do you wish to cease debate?

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. Speaker, I really appreciate that Senator Marsh thinks this comes into the line of safety like her effort to protect the children. I think here we are going to protect the riders if we carry this amendment out and I would like to say that I wish the people would read the amendment because there isn't a thing about rules and regs and all these statements that people made such as Senator Dworak and all this does that it does not take away the responsibility of the tavern operator to be responsible for accidents that take place in his place of business.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Maresh, we have voted to cease debate.

SENATOR MARESH: I am closing.

SPEAKER MARVEL: He is going to record the vote and then you can close.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, debate is ceased. Now, Senator Maresh, do you wish to close on your amendment?

SENATOR MARESH: Senator Kahle says I will have to put another query in now. I wish Senator Dworak and some of the other people would have read the amendment before they spoke out on this because there was no government bureaucracy and I think like they spoke about, all this does, the tavern operator will be just as responsible as you as a homeowner are when somebody comes and slips on your icy steps or any other...your dog bites them or whatever happens at your home. I am sure all the people here carry insurance, homeowner's insurance policies and I think these tavern operators or better yet, the person that owns the mechanical bulls should carry liability insurance for those riders that ride the bulls. So I think we are just saying that they cannot waive the responsibility by having the rider sign these statements. Senator, my cosponsor on this amendment, Senator John DeCamp, is going to close on this too.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp, for what purpose do you rise?